



March 23, 2007

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1678

DIGEST OF HB 1678 (Updated March 21, 2007 1:21 pm - DI 104)

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Study of hospitals. Requires the health finance commission to study the following hospital issues during the 2007 interim of the general assembly: (1) whether the Gary, Indiana acute care hospital would benefit from conversion to governmental hospital; (2) ways in which the state can encourage physicians to practice in certain hospital settings; (3) the manner in which a not-for-profit hospital could be converted to a county or municipal hospital; and (4) federal guidelines concerning county hospitals and intergovernmental transfers.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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(SENATE SPONSORS — MILLER, SIMPSON, DILLON, ROGERS)

January 23, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.
January 30, 2007, reported — Do Pass.
February 6, 2007, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.
February 7, 2007, engrossed.
February 8, 2007, read third time, passed. Yeas 60, nays 37.

SENATE ACTION

February 19, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.
March 22, 2007, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007] (a) The health finance
2 commission established by IC 2-5-23-3 shall study the following
3 during the 2007 interim of the general assembly:

4 (1) Whether the acute care hospital in Gary, Indiana, should
5 be converted from a private corporation to a county hospital,
6 a municipal hospital, or other governmental hospital. In
7 considering whether a conversion should occur, the
8 commission shall consider the following:

9 (A) Whether the conversion would result in better quality
10 care that would be sufficient to meet the needs of the
11 community.

12 (B) Whether the hospital's finances would be improved.

13 (C) The legal requirements to convert the hospital.

14 (2) Ways in which the state and other entities can encourage
15 physicians to practice in rural and county hospitals.

16 (3) The manner in which a not-for-profit hospital can be
17 converted into a county or municipal hospital.

18 (4) Federal guidelines concerning county hospitals and

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1 intergovernmental transfers.
2 (b) This SECTION expires December 31, 2007.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Public Health, to which was referred House Bill 1678, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

BROWN C, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 8, nays 3.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1678 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 7 through 11.

Page 1, line 14, delete "As used in this section, "health care services"" and insert "**This section does not apply to a hospital that provides only long term care services.**

(b) A hospital licensed under this chapter must contain an emergency medical service facility."

Page 1, delete lines 15 through 17.

Delete page 2.

Re-number all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1678 as printed January 31, 2007.)

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services, to which was referred House Bill No. 1678, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Delete the title and insert the following:

A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning health.

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 12, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007] **(a) The health finance commission established by IC 2-5-23-3 shall study the following during the 2007 interim of the general assembly:**

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(1) Whether the acute care hospital in Gary, Indiana, should be converted from a private corporation to a county hospital, a municipal hospital, or other governmental hospital. In considering whether a conversion should occur, the commission shall consider the following:

(A) Whether the conversion would result in better quality care that would be sufficient to meet the needs of the community.

(B) Whether the hospital's finances would be improved.

(C) The legal requirements to convert the hospital.

(2) Ways in which the state and other entities can encourage physicians to practice in rural and county hospitals.

(3) The manner in which a not-for-profit hospital can be converted into a county or municipal hospital.

(4) Federal guidelines concerning county hospitals and intergovernmental transfers.

(b) This SECTION expires December 31, 2007."

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1678 as reprinted February 7, 2007.)

MILLER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

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